



Aquatic Center Boating Classes

California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways

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It's all about safe boating FUNDamentals!

Ready for a thrilling water adventure? Imagine kayaking on Big Bear Lake, sailing at Dana Point, or windsurfing on Humboldt Bay, or waterskiing on Folsom Lake. Non-profit aquatic centers throughout California offer a variety of on-the-water boating classes for youth and adults. Acquiring valuable water safety skills doesn't get any more exhilarating than this!

Funding from California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) makes hands-on instruction available at a reasonable cost to boaters of all ages. Learn how to operate watercraft from experienced, safety-certified instructors who put the "fun" in fundamentals.

On-the-water fun for everyone

Kids: Classes range in length from single-day programs to one or two week day camps. Kids can focus on learning a single activity or sample several types of boating. Check type and availability at your local center.

Adults: Have a busy schedule? Many locations offer boating instruction on the weekends and at times that fit around work schedules.

Persons with disabilities: Some centers offer a variety of adaptive boating activities such as paddle sports, water skiing and sailing. Private instruction is available in some locations, as well as integrated classes for individuals or groups.

Lots of Choices

Classes and programs vary. Check with your local center for a complete listing.

Sailing	Rafting	Power Boating
Windsurfing	Rowing	Rentals
Kayaking	Wakeboarding	Surfing*
Canoeing Standup	Water Skiing	Fishing
Paddleboarding	Personal Watercraft	Youth Programs

*Although DBW does not fund surfing because it is not boating related, surfing instruction is available at several aquatic centers.

Low and No-Cost Options, Too!

Many aquatic centers offer courses at a reduced or no cost. [Contact individual centers](#) to see if these options are available.

Always Boat Smart:

- Wear a life jacket
- Carry all gear required
- Know your boat and its limitations
- Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters
- Be aware of weather and water conditions
- Keep waterways clean

